

A3 a considerably reduced formation of grooves on the tool surface and to a reduced formation of edge cracks during the forming of polygonal sections, and therefore to an improved service life of the tools.

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In the Claims:

~~Sub B~~ Claim 6 (amended). In a method of hot-forming copper and copper alloys, the improvement which comprises subjecting one of the copper and copper alloys to a tungsten/heavy metal alloy consisting of 80 to 89.9% by weight of tungsten, 2 to 7% by weight of chromium, and a remainder of a binder metal.

~~Sub B~~ Claim 8 (amended). In a tungsten alloy configured for hot-forming copper and copper alloys, the improvement which comprises an alloy formed of 80 to 89.9% by weight of tungsten, 2 to 7% by weight of chromium, and a remainder of a binder metal material, bound to form a tool for hot-forming copper and copper alloys.

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Remarks:

The purpose of the preliminary amendment is to correct clerical errors.